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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating visual system disease or injury, comprising the steps of
 - a) exposing a component of a patient's visual system to light treatment, wherein the light treatment is characterized by wavelength between 630 – 1000 nm and power intensity between 10 – 90 mW/cm² for a time of 1 – 3 minutes, and
 - b) observing restoration or protection of visual function, wherein the number of metabolically active neurons has increased.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the wavelength is selected from the group consisting of 670 nm, 830 nm and 880 nm.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the wavelength is between 670 – 900 nm.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the light treatment is characterized by an energy density of between .5 – 20 J/cm².
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 when the energy density is between 2 – 10 J/cm².
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the patient is exposed to light treatment multiple times.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the exposure is at least 3 times.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the patient is exposed to light treatment intervals of 24 hours.

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9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the treatments are administered 2 – 3 times per day.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the component of the visual system comprises the patient's retina.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the component of the visual system is selected from the group consisting of cornea and optic nerve.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the retinal function is evaluated.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the light is supplied by an LED device.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the power intensity is between 25 – 50 mW/cm².

15. (New) A method of treating visual system disease or injury, comprising the steps of

- a) exposing a component of a patient's visual system to light treatment, wherein the light treatment is characterized by wavelength between 630 – 1000 nm and power intensity between 10 – 90 mW/cm² for a time of 1 – 3 minutes, and
- b) observing restoration or protection of visual function, wherein the exposure is in the absence of a photosensitizer.

16. (New) A method of treating visual system disease or injury, comprising the steps of

- a) exposing a component of a patient's visual system to light treatment, wherein the light treatment is characterized by wavelength between 630 – 1000 nm and power intensity between 10 – 90 mW/cm² for a time of 1 – 3 minutes, and
- b) observing restoration or protection of visual function, wherein rod and cone ERG amplitude has increased relative to tissue that hasn't been exposed to the light treatment.